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1. AMBASSADOR FUJIYAMA, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, HAS JUST INFORMED IAEA THAT JAPAN WISHES A SPECIAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING CONVENED WEEK OF MARCH 3 TO CONSIDER JAPAN-IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. AGENCY HAS TENTATIVELY SET MARCH 6 FOR BOARD MEETING.

2. FUJIYAMA HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS, BUT EXPECTS TO EARLY NEXT WEEK, WHICH WILL AUTHORIZE HIM INITIAL AGREEMENT.

3. NEWS HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE ELATION HERE IN
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SECRETARIAT AND AMONG MISSIONS. IT NOT YET GENERAL

KNOWLEDGE BUT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AT TIME OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING STARTING FEBRUARY 25.

4. WHILE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT MAY RECEIVE ONLY LUKE-WARM SUPPORT FROM SOME QUARTERS SUCH AS SOVIETS, WE BELIEVE AGREEMENT WILL BE APPROVED FOR POLITICAL REASONS WITHOUT SERIOUS OBJECTIONS. SOVIET MISSION (ARKADIEV) HAS ADMITTED AS MUCH TO US.

5. APPROVAL OF THE TEXT OF THE NPT-TYPE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT IS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD ON ROAD TO JAPANESE NPT RATIFICATION. WHETHER GOJ IS TAKING STEP FOR TACTICAL REASONS IN ITS ATTEMPTS TO PUSH RATIFICATION OR WHETHER THIS MEANS THAT A FIRM DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO ASK DIET TO REATIFY IS NOT CLEAR TO US. BOARD APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WILL NONETHELESS CREATE A MOMENTUM WHICH WILL ADD GREATLY TO PROSPECTS FOR ADHERENCE TO THE TREATY. IT STRIKES US A COURAGEOUS ACT ON PART OF CURRENT GOVERNMENT LEADERS. TAPE

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